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Squaw Creek-FDT 1897

Difficulty: Moderate
Trail Use: Low
Length: 4.26 miles
Elevation: Starts at 8127 feet, ends at 8832 feet, highest point 9629 feet
Elevation Gain: +1730 feet - 1025 feet = +705 feet
Open To: Hiking, horseback riding

Access:

- Travel 9.8 miles east of Eagle on I-70 to the Wolcott exit, and turn left, and then right onto Hwy. 6, heading east again.
- Travel for 3.3 miles to Squaw Creek Rd. and turn right and follow the road for 3.2 miles and at the hairpin turn (which goes right) stay straight where it becomes a dirt road.
- Follow the dirt road for 1.2 miles to the trailhead and parking.

Trail Highlights:

- The trail starts with a steep climb through wildflowers and aspen, becoming more gradual as you pass ranch property below and to the left of the trail.
- Cross Squaw Creek and the trail follows an old road up the drainage to a large open meadow called Elk Park. Travel past the meadow, cross the creek, and look for the trail leaving the road to the right.
- The trail will then intersect with FDR-421 before descending through a grassy area with flowers, aspen and spruce/fir.
- The trail crosses a rocky drainage and then becomes difficult to find, follow the drainage down until you come to an open meadow called Elbow Park, where the trail ends at the junction with Salt Creek-FDT 1878. The trail does continue on the west side of the convergence with Salt Creek-FDT 1878, although it is difficult to find and follow, it leads in a southwesterly direction ending at Granite Springs.
- Elk Park is a wonderful spot for looking at a variety of wildflowers including scarlet gilia, lupine, geranium, and indian and sulphur paintbrush.

Important Information:

- **ALL DISTANCES ARE ONE WAY.**
- **IF YOU BECOME LOST, REMEMBER THAT THE TRAIL RUNS PARALLEL TO FDR 421 TO THE WEST AND THEY WILL EVENTUALLY COME TO AN INTERSECTION WITH EACH OTHER.**

PACK IT IN—PACK IT OUT!! LEAVE NO TRACE!!

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